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INDUSTRIAL MANPOWER IN YUGOSLAVIA

MANPOWER FOR MINING -- Borba, No 267, 3 Nov 48

Many miners are now employed in various other enterprises, attracted most often by illegal rates of pay. For example, 112 qualified miners are employed on the Seventh Section of the Samac-Sarajevo rail line and in the nearby "Ilijas" sawmill; and the "Hidrogradnja" enterprise in the Zajecar district [in Serbia] has succeeded in enticing about 100 workers from the mines of the Timok basin [in Serbia]. The manpower authorities are not taking the necessary measures to return these miners to the mines.

Sometimes recruiting authorities recruit workers who are not suited to mine work. Among the workers from Pula assigned to the Raza mine [in Croatia] last month were several veterans of World War I, who were without hands. A large number of women from the Ptuj construction sites [in Slovenia] were assigned to the Trbovlje mine [in Slovenia], although about 160 women in Trbovlje District who had signed up for work have not been placed.

LABOR SHORTAGE IN SERBIAN COAL MINE -- Politika, No 13063, 24 Oct 48

Although the Bogovina mine had one of the best mining records in Yugoslavia during the early months of 1948, its September plan was met only 75 percent. A shortage of labor and of workers' housing counteracted improved methods of production and exploitation of new cuts; 150 more miners are needed.

About 90 percent of the miners come from nearby villages. Those from the village of Zlot are transported in trucks by the mine authorities, but would prefer to live at the mine because of the distance. Insufficient attention is paid to workers' living and working conditions, and labor cannot be recruited from a distance because there is no housing for them. Apartment houses provided for in the plan are progressing slowly.

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LABOR SHORTAGE IN BOSNIAN IRON MINE -- Politika, No 13063, 24 Oct 48

Since May, when work began on the farms, the Ljubija mine has had a labor shortage of over 20 percent. The number of new workers during the last 3 months is scarcely larger than the number of those leaving. The management has refused to carry on recruiting campaigns like those that are achieving good results in other mines, and inadequate provision is made for housing and supply for new workers. Last month sugar, textiles, shoes, and carbide failed to arrive. The workers' dining halls have not been improved. Frequently operations that should be done by compressed air have to be done by hand because the management has failed to arrange for enough compressed air.

Since the end of the first half-year, production has fallen below the monthly plans by 2 - 5 percent. The situation should improve as a result of the recent introduction of the system of norms and brigades.

RECRUITS FOR MACEDONIA ZINC AND LEAD MINE -- Borba, No 257, 23 Oct 48

A vigorous recruiting program for the Zletovo mine has been carried out in nearby rural districts. Teams of miners have been touring the villages explaining the new federal law on pay, bonuses, and supply for miners. Each member of the teams has returned to the mine with at least 20 recruits. Seventy percent of the recruiting plan has been met so far.

The Zletovo mine had fulfilled its September plan only 40 percent, but by 16 October had met 70 percent of its October plan. It expects to complete its 1948 plan before the end of the year. New veins of ore [presumably lead or zinc] are being prepared for exploitation or are under exploitation.

The miners' supplies of consumer goods and food are now very good. The Service of Supply will soon begin to serve miners who live far from the mines. Hygienic barracks for housing a large number of miners were begun recently.

MANPOWER AND LITERACY AT NOVO BEOGRAD -- Borba, No 258, 24 Oct 48

About 41,000 young people have spent 2½ months each working on the site of Novo Beograd (New Belgrade); 2,500 boys and girls went directly into industry from the building project, and about 2,000 have been hired to stay on at Novo Beograd as semiskilled workers. This winter they will take courses and qualify as skilled workers. One out of four young people at the building project has completed some technical training course.

Of the 2,500 illiterate youth who have come to the project since May, 2,477 have learned to read and write. One hundred illiteracy courses have been held. About half of the graduates made outstanding marks.

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